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MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate
Tuesday, January 20, 2004
UU220, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

- I. Minutes: The minutes of November 18 and December 2, 2003 were approved without change.
- II. Communications and Announcements: None.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Lewis) Social Hour co-sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts will be held Thursday, January 29, 4-6 pm at Vista Grande Restaurant. Handouts: President Baker's response to the Resolution on LEED certification for Student Housing North and page 17 to be added to current agenda.
 - B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene) The Governor's budget plan for the state includes further reductions, nearly ¼ billion or 9% of total system budget, with some of the cuts being earmarked. For Cal Poly this translates to approximately 8+% reduction on top of the 10.5% reduction that has already been absorbed over the last year. The budget plan also provides for a reduction in enrollment of 20,000 students systemwide and as many of 800 for Cal Poly. CSU is requesting additional flexibility in allocating any further cuts in order to protect valuable programs from being eliminated. One indirect implication of the budget is the slow-down of some plans for growth, in particular Student Housing North, where the first phase will probably not be ready until Fall of 2007 or 2008. Proposition 57, which would provide \$15 billion in a long line of credit to cover some funding commitments and Proposition 55, a \$12 billion bond to benefit all segments of education will bring over \$34 million to our campus, are critical for Cal Poly.
 - C. Provost's Office: (Detweiler) a list of 12 institutional priorities that have been identified as items to be addressed during the next year or so was presented with updates planned for future meetings. Tom Jones, College of Architecture and Environmental Design Dean, mentioned that the administration has approached faculty members to assist the university with green building elements of Student Housing North and help guide towards getting more achievements by adopting the following principles: first, identify legitimate outside third party professionals, second, form a team of people with specializations and expertise, third, to allow the teams to come together and provide Cal Poly with realistic choices that can be adopted.
 - D. Statewide Senators: None.
 - E. CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) a tentative agreement has been reached which CFA, the Chancellor's office, and the Board of Trustees. One of the main issues discussed was the Golden Handshake program, which will provide two years of service to all eligible faculty who wants to apply. The only limitation is the number of applications per department. For those who want to retire before spring quarter, their name must not appear on the spring quarter schedule at the time of application, and they can't FERP but can return as lecturers. The number of faculty searches systemwide for tenure track faculty is equal to the number of separations plus 65 rolled over from the previous year but there are no guarantees for the 2004-2005 academic year unless the budget reaches \$2.468 billion in general funds. Parking will be pretax and no increases are expected

until January 2005. Salary and working conditions for state funded summer quarter should be equal to regular quarters. Next year's negotiations will start in April 2004, and with the worsening of budget and a new Governor, a lot of pressure is put on the pre-openers.

F. ASI Representatives: None.

G. Other: Robert Gregg, Outreach Coordinator for Capital Fellowship Programs, Center for California Studies at Cal State Sacramento. Every year there are 64 placements in all three branches of California state government including the senate assembly, the executive branch, and throughout the judicial branch. These are positions of significant responsibility in state government, which often lead to full-time positions in public service. The state of California has been sponsoring these positions since 1957 in one form or another. Professors are the greatest allies in recruiting qualified applicants; please pass the information to departments and student. For more information about specific jobs for each program, please visit the fellowship page at: <http://www.csus.edu/calst/Programs/programs.html>

IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Item(s):

A. **Resolution on Appointment Procedures for Grant-related Instructional Faculty (GRIF) of Exceptional Merit:** Foroohar, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee. This resolution asks that the Academic Senate of Cal Poly approve the **Appointment Procedures for Grant-related Instructional Faculty of Exceptional Merit** and forward it to President Baker for his approval. Will return as second reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.

B. **Resolution on Proposal for the Establishment of the University Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education:** Detweiler, Provost. This center will recruit and train secondary level teachers in the areas of Science and Mathematics. This resolution requests the approval of the proposal for the establishment of the University Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education. Will return as second reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.

C. **Resolution on Free Electives:** Hannings, chair of the Curriculum Committee. The Curriculum Committee unanimously supports this resolution which allows programs to require fewer than 9 units of free electives in order to bring down the number of units required to complete a degree and requests that programs allow their students flexibility in meeting all degree requirements. Will continue as first reading item at the next Academic Senate meeting.

VI. Discussion Item(s): None.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Submitted by,

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